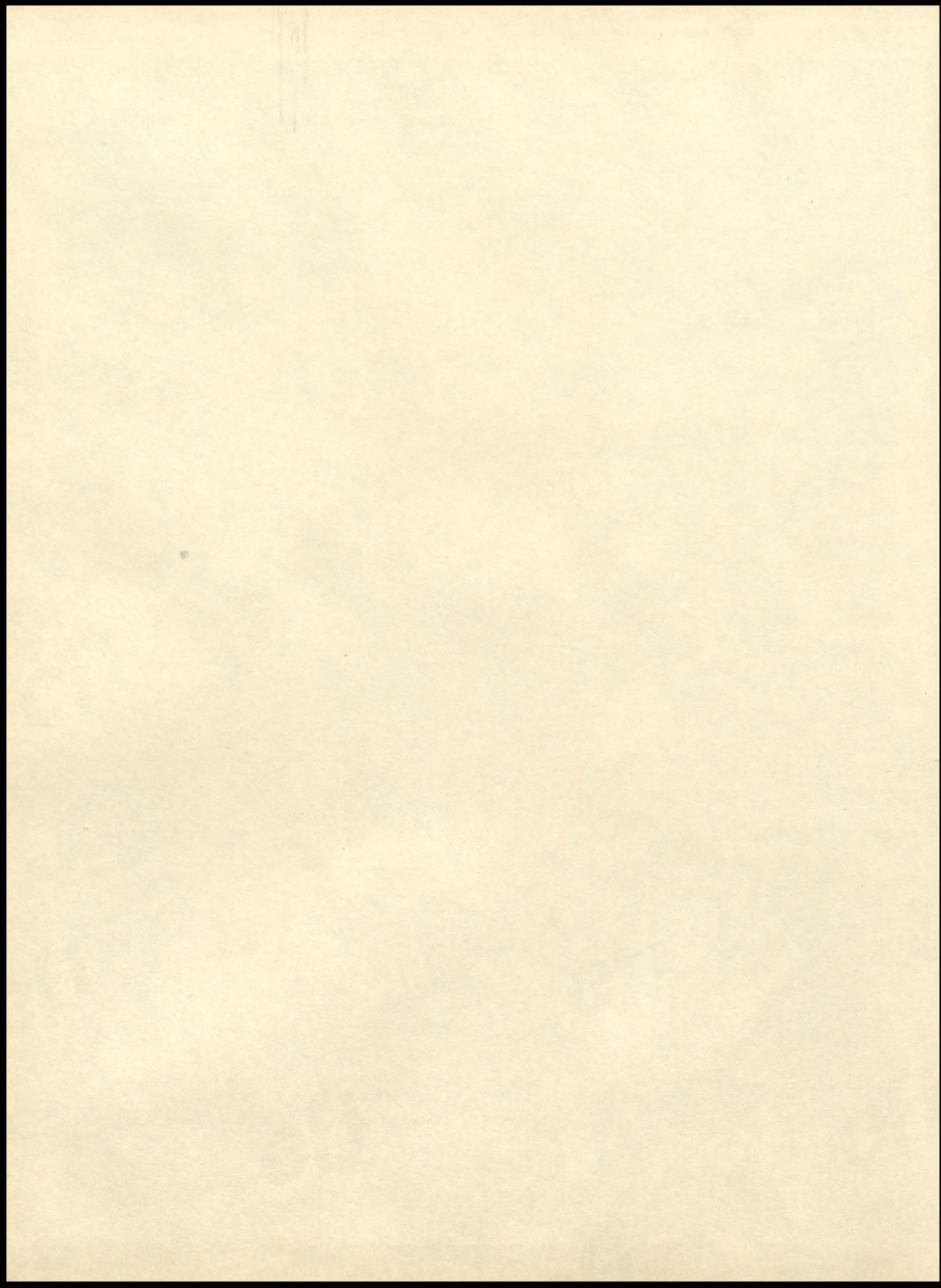


Sagitta
1953









SAGITTA

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CLASS OF 1953

SUFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Suffield, Connecticut

OUR HORIZONS

This is our yearbook, a chronicle of the way we have lived for six years; it shows the places we have known and the people that have influenced us. However, Sagitta is an arrow. It is an arrow leading us from our past and pointing the way onwards towards . . . what? We, the Class of 1953 are leaving one great phase of our lives to embark upon a greater one. A broader horizon lies before us.



Story Time at Mrs. McAlister's Kindergarten!

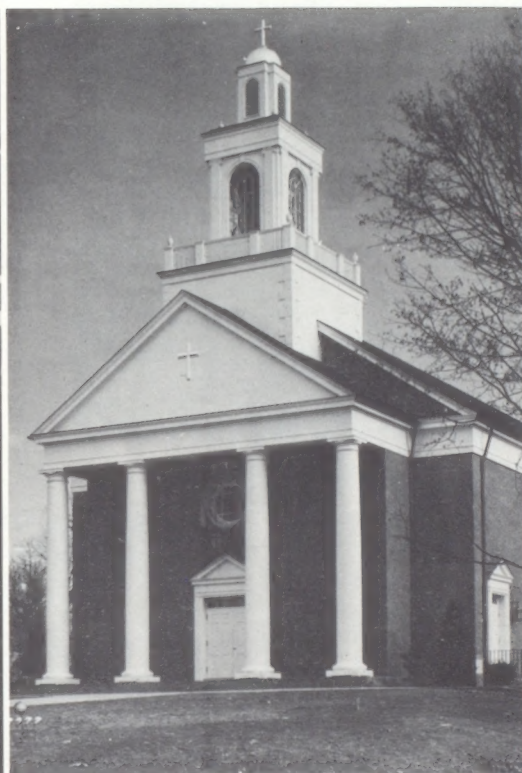


Youth at work in the

The arrow in many of our lives started in Suffield, with its farms spread out on rolling countryside and quiet village the center of activities. Those of us who moved here in later life have become enchanted by the peace and beauty of a lovely New England town of early American tradition. The arrow has carried us through the formative years during which, in nursery and grammar school, the world was such a large unconquerable object and school days were s-o-o-o long.



sixth grade room.



St. Joseph's Church, a symbol of religion.

So many things have influenced us that they all could not be named; our homes, our friends, our schools, our churches, all have contributed to make us what we are today. The arrow travels on over our high school years and at our graduation it shows us great horizons which lie ahead.



DEDICATION



MRS. BARBARA D. GANLEY



Mrs. Ganley, during our six years at Suffield High you have been our class advisor. You have always stuck with us in our schemes as foolish as they might have seemed. You have nursed us along through all our problems. During our senior year you have helped us fulfill our dreams of graduation and made the yearbook a reality. As a small token for all you have accomplished for us we proudly dedicate to you Mrs. Ganley, our Sagitta. Thanks!

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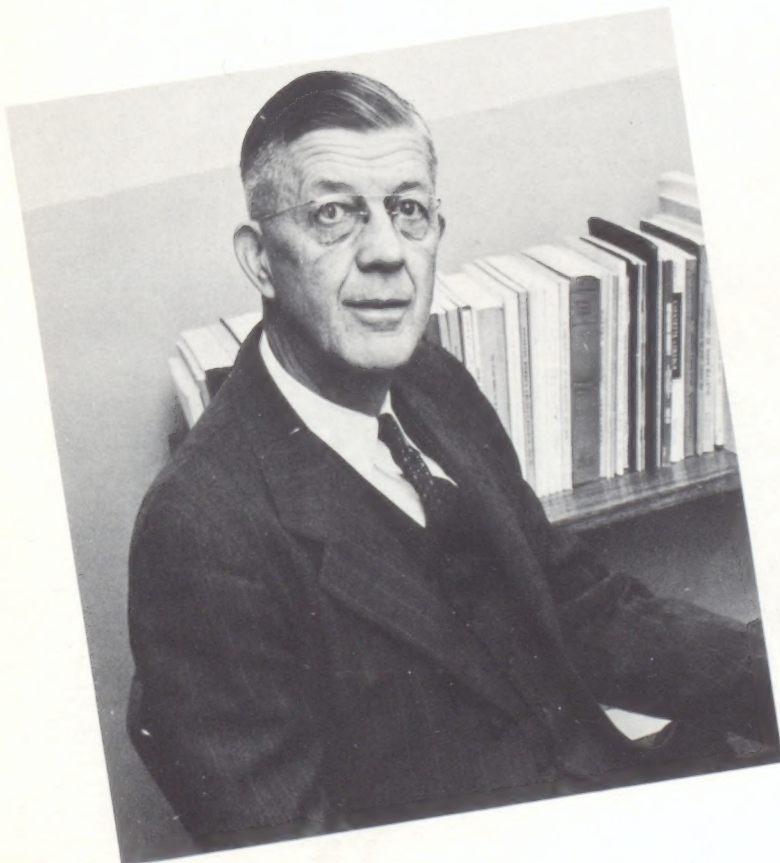
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As Superintendent of schools you have been very helpful in the fulfillment of our plans. You have provided us with an excellent school and the most modern facilities giving us building of which we can be proud. Thank you!



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During our school years you have been a wonderful guide and leader for us; your help with the Senior Patrol has been most gratifying and your speeches have been most inspiring. Thank you!



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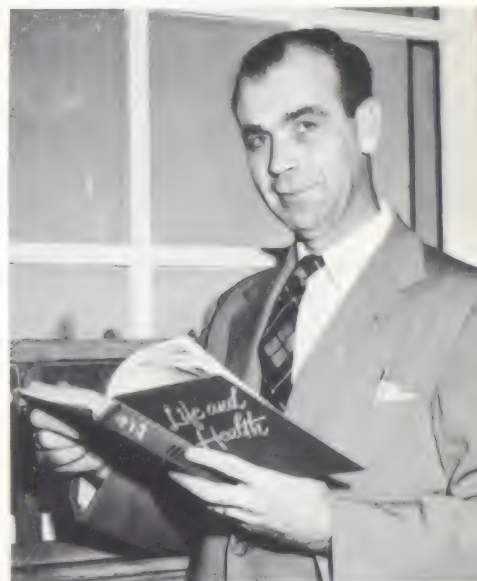
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OUR FACULTY



CLASS HISTORY

(FRESHMAN YEAR)

Dear Diary:

Today was the first day of school. I was scared, but happy as I started the new life of a freshman. Sept. 20 . . . Today we elected our officers: Danny Sullivan, president; Shirley Howard, vice president; Sue Burt, secretary and Ann Mirow, treasurer. Oct. 3 . . . With Lois Ineson elected as our Student Council member, we are pretty well set to settle down to a year of studying and fun. Dec. 21 . . . We had our Christmas party today in the cafeteria, with a grab-bag and games and refreshments. It surely was a lot of fun. Singing carols at the end really put us in a festive mood, for vacation. January . . . mid . . . years are coming . . . oh, why didn't I work harder? May . . . In the spring a young man's fancy . . . oh how can we concentrate in this weather. June . . . Farewell Suffield High until September when we're Sophomores!

(SOPHOMORE YEAR)

Dear Diary:

Oh where did the summer go! It's back to school as sophomores ready to renew old friendships and meet and greet the new kids. Sept. 20 . . . just elected the officers: Danny Sullivan, president; Ann Egelavage, vice president; Norma Chagnon, secretary; and treasurer, Shirley Howard. Nov. 5 . . . Had a lecture from Danny on making money. He said something about needing it when you are a senior but that's years off. Oh well, we have to humor him I guess, so on Nov. 18 we'll have a food sale. Nov. 18 . . . Sale went off without a hitch . . . maybe there's something to this money business, seems nice to have a bank account. Nov. 21 . . . we got our rings today, now we really are part of S.H.S. Oh! mine's getting a little dull, I'd better go shine it. June 3 . . . Been awfully busy with studying all winter. We had a picnic at Babb's today—oh if I ever see another hot dog I'll die. June 7 . . . school's almost out so we decided to jump the gun and elect next year's officers; Danny is president again; Donald Wood, vice president; Ellen Conley, secretary; and Merwyn Spaulding, treasurer. So long till next year.

(JUNIOR YEAR)

Dear Diary:

In reviewing I see now that we had quite a busy year. We had few foodsales and then on November 3 we sponsored the Down Hofers. An unprecedented affair which turned out to be very successful. Had a paper drive, but to this very night I bet the papers are still in Danny's barn. Our big event of the year was our prom, the Springtime Fantasy. King and Queen were Joe Levy and Helen Larson. My but she looked just darling. FLASH! Lois Ineson and Ann Egelavage were chosen to go to Loral Girls' State and Merwyn Spaulding and Dick Stewart chosen to go to Nutmeg Boys' State. We jumped the gun again by electing our next year's officers again. They are the same as those this year. June 11 . . . Our picnic at Babb's climaxed our junior year and more hot dogs!

(SENIOR YEAR)

Dear Diary:

My, how the previous years have fled and we are, at last, seniors. This is supposed to be our busiest and happiest year of all. We chose our Student Council members, Joe Levy and Dick Chapin. Following this class meeting we got started on our magazine campaign by choosing two teams. Captain? Susan Burt and Dick Steward. Our main aim was to beat last year's class. We did naturally and Susan's team was the victor by a very slight margin. What a wonderful yearbook we are going to have! Just look at the editors! Lois Ineson, Editor; Donald Wood, Associate Editor. The Senior Dramatic Club presented "Sally Takes a Bow" at the Varsity Show and with the sale of Christmas cards our bankbook began to be better reading. Susan Burt, Clara Squires, Mary Ann Bell and David Gaughan were selected to go on the trip for the sale of magazines. The Washington Trip, Our Banquet, Class Night, Graduation and the life of a senior is busy. This is our past . . . now comes the present and following the future . . . OUR HORIZONS.



BARBARA JEAN ADAMS

"Ginger"

"A little sweet, a little spice,
Topped with golden hair, pretty nice!"

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Readers' Reflection staff 4.

JUDITH CAROL ANDERSON

"Judie"

"A winning way, a charming smile,
Tall and neat and quiet in style."

Glee Club 2, 3; Senior Patrol; Prom Committee 3; Sagitta 4.

MARYANN CECILIA BELL

"Dusty"

"Sometimes quiet, sometimes shy,
But oh . . . that glint of mischief in her eye."

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

ELIZABETH MARIAN BIGGERSTAFF

"Betty"

"You may search and yet not find,
A girl like Betty so ladylike and kind"

Latin Club 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Readers' Reflection 4; Sagitta 4; Senior Dramatic Club; Senior Patrol 4.

GLADYS HELEN BOGDANSKI

"Gladys"

"Quiet, loyal, friendly and true,
Gladys . . . why aren't there more girls like you?"

Glee Club 1, 2, Reflection Business Manager 4.





JOHN JOSEPH BOROWSKI

"Boory"

"Not a sinner nor a saint perhaps,
But one of the very best of chaps"

Glee Club.

JANICE IZOLA BUCKLEY

"Jan"

"Tranquil and calm amid the troubled day,
She goes serenely on her way."

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Red Cross 1; Basketball 1, 2, 4.

FLORENCE AGNES BUREL

"Flo"

"Florence's gay and happy way,
Makes the sun shine every day."

Senior Dramatic Club; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Prom Committee 3,
Cheering Section 1, 2; Basketball 1.

SUSAN ELISABETH BURT

"Sue"

"Sue's a girl that can't be beat,
Friendly, athletic and always neat."

Latin Club 1, 2, 3, Pres. 4; Tri-Hi-Y3 Pres. 4; Glee Club 1, 2,
3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Readers' Reflection 2, 4; Orchestra
1, 2, 3; Sagitta 4; Student Council 2, 3, Sec. 4; Senior Patrol 4;
Prom Committee 3; Leaders' Club 1; Dramatic Club 4.

NORMA CHAGNON

"Norm"

"In small packages come good things,
To others, happiness she brings."

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 4.





RICHARD WILLIAM CHAPIN

"Chip"

"Deep brown eyes, quick of wit,
And with us all he's made a hit."

Soccer 4; Basketball 3, 4; Baseball 4; Senior Patrol; Glee Club, 3, 4; Student Council 4; Hi-Y 3, 4.

ELLEN MAE CONLEY

"Ellen"

"Individuality outstanding,
Her personality commanding."

Latin Club 1; French Club 2; Readers' Reflection 1, 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Sec. 3; Class Secretary 3, 4; Sagitta Staff 4; Cheerleader 3, Captain 4; Senior Dramatic Club Pres. 4; Senior Patrol; Student Council press correspondent 4; Parade of Youth Correspondent 3, 4.

EMMA CATHERINE DRAKE

"Emma"

"We welcome to our senior class,
This gay and charming little lass."

SHIRLEY HAZEL EDMONDS

"Shirl"

"Packed with dynamite is she,
Full of fun and fancy-free."

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Readers' Reflection 3, 4; Sagitta 4; Cheerleader 4; Junior Red Cross 3; Leaders' Club 1; Senior Patrol; Tri-Hi Y 4; Cheering Section 1, 2; Senior Dramatic Club 4.

ANN ELIZABETH EGELAVAGE

"Ann"

"Ann's a girl who's really grand,
Success is surely at her command."

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Patrol; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Readers' Reflection 2, 3, 4; Sagitta Business Manager 4; Class Vice-Pres. 2; Prom Committee 3; Leaders' Club 2, 3; Senior Dramatic Club Vice-Pres; Cheering Section 1, 2.





DAVID GAUGHAN

"Davy"

"Always on the go, full of fun,
David's got a joke for everyone."

Basketball 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2; Latin Club 1, 2; Soccer 1; Prom Committee 3; Senior Dramatic Club; Sagitta 4.

CHARLES EDWIN GIBLIN

"Gibby"

"Regardless of what is done or said,
Charlie's a boy who will get ahead."

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Soccer 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y Vice-Pres. 4; Junior Red Cross 2, 3, 4; Senior Patrol; Student Council 2; Senior Dramatic Club; Prom Committee 3.

EMILY GRABOWSKI

"Emmie"

"Quietly she'll work,
Never will she shirk."

Tri-Hi-Y Sec. 4; Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club 2; Glee Club 1; Basketball 1; Sagitta 4; Readers' Reflection 3, 4; Senior Patrol Senior Dramatic Club; Cheering Section 2; Prom Committee 3.

ROBERT CHARLES HINCKLEY

"Bobby"

"Bobby's a clown and yet he's clever,
Where fun's concerned you'll beat him never."

Senior Patrol; Junior and Senior Dramatic Club; Junior Red Cross 1, 2.

SHIRLEY HOWARD

"Shirl"

"A gay heart, a loyal friend,
She'll be faithful to the end."

Tri-Hi-Y 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club 4; Cheerleader 4; Readers' Reflection 1, 3, 4.





PATRICIA ANN HOYT

"Patty"

"Quiet, brunette, a friendly way,
Pat will always stay that way!"

Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Readers' Reflection 4; Sagitta.

LOIS AVERY INESON

"Lo"

"A popular member of our class,
an intelligent, active, energetic lass."

Student Council 3, 4; Readers' Reflection 1, 2, 3, Editor 4; Sagitta
Editor 4; Senior Patrol; Glee Club 1, 4; Latin Club 1, 2, 3, Treas.
4; French Club 2; Basketball 1, 2; Girls' State 3; Prom Committee
3; Tri-Hi-Y 3, Vice-Pres. 4; Cheering Section 1, 2.

MAE W. KANDAL

"Mae"

"One of those quiet lasses,
See how silently she passes."

Art ED. Readers' Reflection 4.

HELEN ANN LARSON

"Helen"

"Helen's happy, carefree way,
Gladens many a dreary day!"

Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4;
Baseball 3, 4; Readers' Reflection 3; Cheerleader 3, 4; Senior
Dramatic Club 4.

SHIRLEY VIVIAN LEAVITT

"Shirl"

"Shirley's smiling, pleasant face,
Puts sunshine in the darkest place."

Senior Patrol; Sagitta; Prom Committee 3.





JOSEPH STANLEY LEWANDOWSKI

"Levy"

"Joe loves to play the game of ball,
He gives his best; he gives his all."

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 3, 4; Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Patrol; Latin Club 1; Sagitta; Prom Committee 3; Track 1, 4; Senior Dramatic Club.



PATRICIA CELINE MORRISON

"Pat"

"Pat is a swell girl to know,
Her face is alight, her eyes aglow."

Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Junior Red Cross 3.



PEARL AGNES NORRIE

"Pearl"

"Pearl's a girl who's very artistic,
Her work you'll agree is very realistic."

Glee Club 4; Prom Committee 3; Art Ed. Readers' Reflection 4.

PHYLLIS MAE NORRIE

"Phyl"

"A loyal friend, a gift of laughter,
Once a friend, forever after."

Art Staff 3; Basketball 4; Glee Club 3; Senior Dramatic Club Prom Committee.



JANET MARIE RAGUE

"Gu-Gu"

"A quiet lass is she,
A nicer girl could never be."

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.



CHARLES RAPACKI

"Kazu"

"A little nonsense now and then,
Is relished by the best of men."

Hi-Y 2, 3, Pres.; Student Council 4; Senior Patrol; Baseball 3, 4;
Soccer 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Junior and
Senior Dramatic Clubs.

IRENE BARBARA RUTKIEWICZ

"Irene"

"Irene lives for fun and laughter, too,
That is life so why be blue."

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3; Senior Dramatic Club 4;
Prom Committee 3.

CLARA BELLE SQUIRES

"Clara"

"It's her manner and her smile;
That make her so worth while."

Glee Club 1.

JAMES JOHN SHERIDAN

"Jimmy"

"When there's fun he's always in it,
Never still for half a minute."

Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Baseball 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 4;
Senior Patrol; Soccer 3, 4.

MERWYN LYNN SPAULDING

"Spur"

"To know Merwyn is a lasting treat;
Another like him you'll never meet."

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Treas. 3, 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Hi-Y 2;
Senior Patrol; Orchestra 1, 2; Boys' State 3; Prom Committee 3.





RICHARD BRUCE STEWART

"Dick"

"Tall, friendly, gay and free,
Long will you travel 'till his equal you see."

Soccer 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; Student Council 4;
Senior Patrol Captain; Boys' State 3.

DANIEL FRANCIS SULLIVAN, JR.

"Danny"

"Life without sports is not fun,
I'll play and play 'till the day is done."

Class Pres. 1, 2, 3, 4; Soccer 1, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball
1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Patrol;
Prom Committee 3; Latin Club 1, 2; Glee Club 2, 3; Hi-Y 2;
Dramatic Club 4.

ELIZABETH KATHLEEN VAN ALLEN

"Betty"

"Here is a girl who of fun is fond,
All care and strife she is beyond."

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Red Cross 3;
Sagitta 4.

BARBARA ANN WHALEN

"Bobby"

"Short and slim, precisely neat,
As a friend Barbara's hard to beat."

Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Prom Committee 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4;
Cheering Section 1, 2.

DONALD WILLIAM WOOD

"Woody"

"A serious side, a jovial one,
Who's says work won't mix with fun."

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Patrol; Readers' Reflection 3, 4;
Sagitta Assistant Ed. 4; Prom Committee 3; Class Vice-Pres.,
3, 4; Latin Club 1, 2, 3; Baseball 1, 2; Ring Committee 2.





Best Personality



Did Most For The School



Quietest



Best Looking



Class Optimist

CLASS

CLASS PESSIMIST

Donald Wood Barbara Adams

MOST MATURE

Dick Stewart Janice Buckley

LEAST MATURE

David Gaughan Helen Larson

MOST SOPHISTICATED

Dick Stewart Judie Anderson

MOST AMBITIOUS

Danny Sullivan Susan Burt

MOST STUDIOUS

Donald Wood Lois Ineson

CLASS WITS

David Gaughan Helen Larson

HEARTBREAKERS

Joe Lewandowski Helen Larson

MOST ATHLETIC

Joe Lewandowski Irene Rutkiewicz

BIGGEST BLUFF

Charles Rapacki Helen Larson

CLASS FLIRTS

Charles Rapacki Helen Larson

Shortest and Tallest





Cutest

BALLOT

MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT

Danny Sullivan Susan Burt

CLASS POETS

David Gaughan Ellen Conley

BEST ALL AROUND SENIORS

Danny Sullivan Susan Burt

MOST POPULAR

Danny Sullivan Susan Burt

TEACHERS PET

Donald Wood Ann Egelavage

MOST PLEASING SMILE

Danny Sullivan Gladys Bogdanski

CLASS SPINSTER AND BACHELOR

Donald Wood Florence Burel

NOISIEST

David Gaughan Helen Larson

CLASS COUPLE

Joe Lewandowski Helen Larson

CLASS PLAYBOY

Charles Rapacki



Most Likely to Succeed

Most Bashful



Best Mannered



Most Business Like



Best Dressed

"1953" . . . IKE REIGNS U. S. A. . . . "1953" . . . PENNSYLVANIA PRISON RIOT . . .

"1953" . . . SUFFIELD HIGH GRADUATES NO. 40 . . . Yes, a bright and glorious year, the turning point in the lives of many of us — the year the Republicans gained possession of the government — the year forty bright-eyed, carefree students were graduated from Suffield High.

Let us glide through future years; in these years both happiness and sorrow prevailed, but we have accomplished something, we have made a place in this world for ourselves — now voters in this thriving modernistic chrome-plated age. Ah, yes, but for a moment let us reminisce, the basketball team, four of the Big Five seniors; the corridors forever echoing many of our voices, the new Senior Patrol, the digesting of knowledge which flowed inside Suffield's walls but while the curtain of fate slips aside, let us step into our future. Remain with us for a little while to see us the men and women that will now face life as Citizens in the United States of America.

Doctor David Gaughan, who is known in the East as one of the biggest and best operators, today performed one of the most difficult operations of his long career—the removal of an appendix through the esophagus. Doctor Gaughan was assisted by none other than Madame Janet Marie Rague, recently voted the Ideal Nurse of the Year. Well two of our classmates have certainly reached the top of the ladder of success.

Betty Biggerstaff is now married to a tall, handsome Texan and lives in Texas. Since Betty was always the outdoor type and longed for the wide open spaces, she is very happy there, and her guitar sure came in handy.

It took someone from the 1953 Senior Class to put Suffield, Connecticut on the map and it was our well-known and liked classmate, Susan Burt. As you all know Susan is the first-woman candidate for the President of the United States. She'll have some load on her shoulders, but the way politics are today, she'll succeed. How can Susan miss with Judy Anderson as her campaign manager. She might not get many votes from the women, but she can charm the fellows with her beauty as she did back in Suffield High.

Jimmy Sheridan, center of the basketball team in his senior year, realized just how much fun it was being the center of attraction. He also realized how much the bus ride to away games meant so he combined both and he now drives the bus to every away game. Of course Jimmy wouldn't be satisfied with a regular school bus so he bought one cheap and painted it blue and white, added duals and seats that can be made into beds. You can imagine how popular he is with the team now.

Larson's Speedway, the first woman-run track in Suffield is now operated by none other than Helen Larson, our former classmate. She always did like big crowds and lots of excitement so last week she signed up two world-renowned drivers, "Hot Rod" Borowski, and "Whizzer" Spaulding. These thrillers ought to draw a big crowd.

Bobby Hinckley has just finished piecing together his new type of car that proved to run smoother yet faster than any other car in the world. It took him so long to

put it together that he can't remember how he did it. He says that he won't take it apart again just to know how he did it in the first place.

After winning a trip to New York in the U. N. Essay Writing Contest, Lois Ineson decided that she would like to write and produce motion pictures. Her latest one is called "Firemen in the Last Balcony". I've heard it's the best produced by Lois so far but after all she did have first-hand experience . . . how about it, Lois?

Seeking an efficient and talented young lady to manage her confidential papers, Queen Elizabeth has chosen Ann Egelavage as her private secretary. This honor will be bestowed upon her tomorrow amidst a great colorful ceremony.

We all regret that Shirley Howard is leaving all her friends in Suffield to accompany Mario Lanza on his musical tour throughout the United States. But maybe it will turn out for the best, because now everyone will hear the beautiful voice she possesses.

Pat Hoyt who wanted to be a social worker, worked her way through college by baby sitting. On one of her social visits after graduation she met a very nice fellow whom she lost contact with while she was in college. Pat always thought that the woman's place is at home and you can always find her there now.

Guess who I bumped into at the West Suffield Grammar School this morning! Why it was none other than our old classmate, Emily Grabowski. She's still unmarried and says "Nowadays it takes all our energy to teach these kids so that we have to retire at seven o'clock each night or else . . . We just don't have any time for extra activities. Same Emily all right!

Ellen Conley who was the captain of the cheerleaders back in Suffield High advanced far into her field of cheering. Ellen is now not only modeling cheerleaders' outfits every afternoon in New York but she is also teaching the New York cheerleaders some of the cheers that were hits at Suffield High. Gosh that does bring memories back!

Always anxious for a successful rally and a good bonfire, Danny Sullivan and Joe Levy have reached their goal in life. They now go around and build bonfires at various schools supplying the matches. The school spirit was really rising until Joe and Danny got the directions mixed up a little and set the school in fire. The only spirit then that rose was the School Board's but the fire didn't get too far because some sensible person summoned Fire Chief Charles Giblin and his Five Fire Fighters who had the fire out in no time at all.

Barbara Whalen has a very interesting job where she can study the characters of many people. She is an usher at the Paramount. Now she can see the double features for nothing.

Remember that cute little girl who always drove the huge gray Packard? It was no other than Norma Chagnon.

Well it seems that every time Norma wanted to go faster there was a cruiser ready to nab her, so Norma took to Auto Racing. She is now the World's Auto Racing Champion but she still gets a thrill breaking the speed laws.

Florence Burel, who is now the proprietor of a large firm, says that every time she starts to dictate a letter to her young secretary she only hears, "What, another letter!", or "I didn't get half of that letter!" or, "Whoever thought of shorthand?" Doesn't that remind you of Miss Bond's shorthand class back in '53!

Betty Van Allen is now Editor of the "Young Romance" magazine. A magazine for young adults and their problems. So if you have any problems just send them in to Betty and you will get the very best advice. Huh, Betty?

Mae Kandal is now a fillibusterer in Congress. Lately she's been complaining that she doesn't get enough pay, but she says that there is the only place she can do anything with her talking talent.

Donald Wood is now modeling men's sportswear. He says he likes his job very much only he never realized he could attract so much attention from the women.

Mary Ann Bell made quite a success in music. After taking vocal lessons for several years she made many sensational records which became hits. She also sings occasionally in the Metropolitan Opera, which I understand, has been remodeled to the image of the Strand Theater. You know they didn't want Marianne to feel out of place.

I don't think Mr. Chrisoulis knew what Clara Squires would be getting into, but driving a car wasn't enough, she wanted to do something more exiting. So one day while driving by Bradley Field she spotted a plane ready for take-off. Well, you can imagine the rest. Clara has now made several Trans-Atlantic flights and from experience she says, "Take it from me, one thing you don't have to worry about is trees and telephones poles."

Irene Rutkiewicz holds a very serious job that requires attention, thought, and cleverness. She is now news commentator on C. B. S. (The Corny Business Station).

Being captain of the Senior Patrol certainly had a big effect on the life of Dick Stewart. He is now head of the Connecticut State Police and has set a new trend in their uniforms. He now requires them to wear armbands but believe it or not he finds it easier to have them keep the bands on than he did trying to make the seniors wear them.

The telephone company has immensely benefited by employing Shirley Leavitt as one of their telephone operators. They say that Shirley has such a pleasant voice and such courteous manners that since they employed her there seems to be many more long distance calls.

Shirley Edmonds who was our sports champ throughout the years of Suffield High is the first woman slugger to

play in the National League. You can be sure the Yankees will win all the World Series now.

Richard W. Chapin, world-famous by this time, has achieved a position making him the envy of everyone who has a yen for adventure. He is now mining diamonds way off in Africa and by the way he's drawing them out with his magnetic personality.

I presume you have all heard of that novel "Bring Them Back Alive". Well it certainly pertains to Phyllis Norrie, who is capturing live wild animals in the African jungles for Clyde Bailey. Just like Phyllis, never a dull moment.

Janice Buckley is happily married to Duke but she has quite a time keeping the little Dukes and Duchesses from getting into mischief. She says they're only quiet when they're asleep!

After long years of study in Paris, Pearl Norrie has become a fashion designer. Today she is using her great talent efficiently as she is Hollywood's No. 1 fashion designer.

Working as Business Manager for the Reader's Reflection Gladys Bogdanski realized what an excellent head for business she possessed, so after graduation she took off for Wall Street where she is employed in a Stock Market. I hear she's doing quite well and has her eyes open for any available Texan who meets her qualifications. They are: money, wealth, and fortune.

Charles Rapacki is proud to be the first human being to reach the top of Mt. Everest. Before he left to accomplish this dangerous climb, he said he would have done it long before only the women were always chasing him!

Emma Drake, who was known for her quiet, sensitive manner, realized she had the qualifications of a good secretary and applied for a job where she was quite welcomed. By the way the name of the firm was Calm, Cool, and Collected Corporation.

Barbara Adams has revealed her secret formula for the beautiful golden hair which she possesses. Some important Cosmetic Firm in New York bought it up and Barbara received quite a feasible sum which put her on Easy Street. When asked how she feels about it Barbara replies "Just a chance of a Lifetime".

Pat Morrison, who recently won a fortune on the Ford T. V. Program, decided to live in New York, but Pat got tired of the bright lights, gay music, and late hours and returned home.

Ah yes, we have swiftly passed through years of happiness, joy and sorrow but now the curtain through we have peeked is about to fall. It is time to face the present and hope—hope for security, prosperity, and in America as we have always known it—America The Beautiful.



Then you dance, dance, dance

King and Queen Joe Lewandowski and Helen Larson presiding over their court of Anderson, Morrison, Ineson, Howard, Norrie, Burt.



Springtime Fantasy

To the strains of the music of Al Strohman's Orchestra, beneath a ceiling of blue tent cloth and stars, white bucks and levis are exchanged for dinner jackets and gowns. Tonight we dance and tomorrow we tuck away memories with our corsages and tiny dance programs to be everlasting reminders of gaiety.

Behind the scenes hostesses K. Orr, Norrie, Phelps, J. Orr prepare refreshments to satisfy hungry dancers.

Planning for the big event of the prom committee Giblin, Burt, Morrison, Sullivan, Egelavage, Anderson, Ineson.



Introducing



The Athletic Scene



First Row, Left to Right: Chase, Jackson, Dzielak, N. Edmonds, Zavolich. Second Row, Left to Right: Chapin, Rapacki, Stewart, Sullivan, Lewandowski, Giblin. Third Row, Left to Right: Sklodosky, Waterman, T. Edmonds, Hill, Brown, Rose, Brodeur, Davis, Powers.

SOCCER

For the first time since its introduction into our athletic program, the soccer team met with success. The team's over-all record for the season was 3 wins, and 4 ties; the league record of 2 wins and 4 ties responsible for a co-champion rating.





First Row, Left to Right: Spaulding, Sullivan, Stewart, Lewandowski, Edwards. Second Row, Left to Right: Brown, Powers, Chase, Kotowski, Gaughan, T. Edmonds, Brodeur, Wood, Davis, Chapin, Giblin.

BASKETBALL

Originating in our grammar school days, developing further while in junior high school, improving still more as underclass; and with sweat, toil and great diligence, finally crystallizing during the '52-'53 season to a degree near our fondest dreams of yesterday—this was our basketball team—our pride and joy—one of the school's finest as well as one of the league's best.



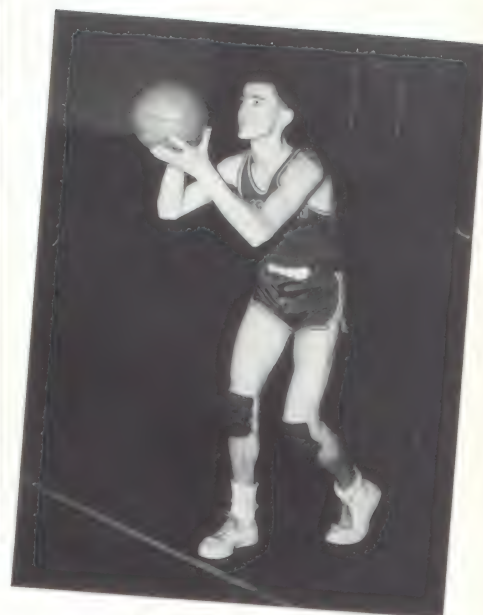
Left to Right: Brown, Sullivan, Edwards, Sheridan, Stewart, Lewandowski, Spaulding.



Merwyn Spaulding



Danny Sullivan



Jimmy Sheridan



Billy Edwards



Joe Lewandowski



Dick Stewart



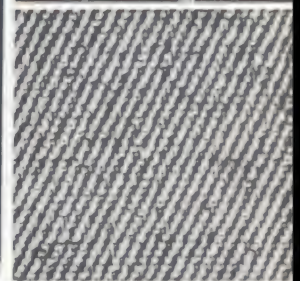
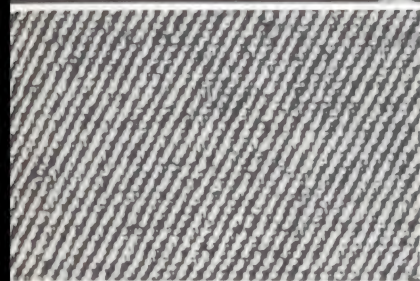
Dick Chapin



David Gaughan



Donald Wood



BASEBALL

In the Spring a young man's fancy turns to baseball, Suffield's game as well as America's.

Baseball's stay in Suffield is a short one, made so by school's ending, but during the several weeks the season lasts, the student body turns out in either of two capacities—participant or spectator—to enjoy the third, offered as part of the athletic scene.

The latest Suffield team met with moderate success!



An eye on the ball, or the ball in your eye!

Safe by a stride . . .

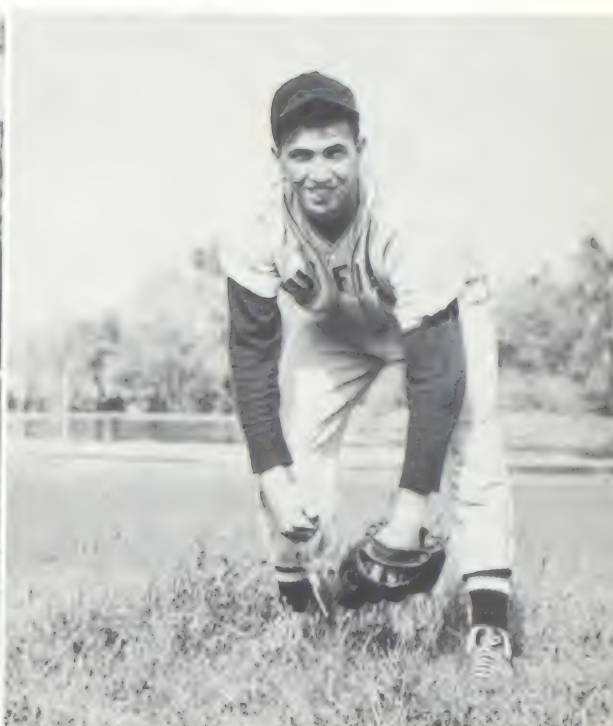


But not this time!





Dick Stewart



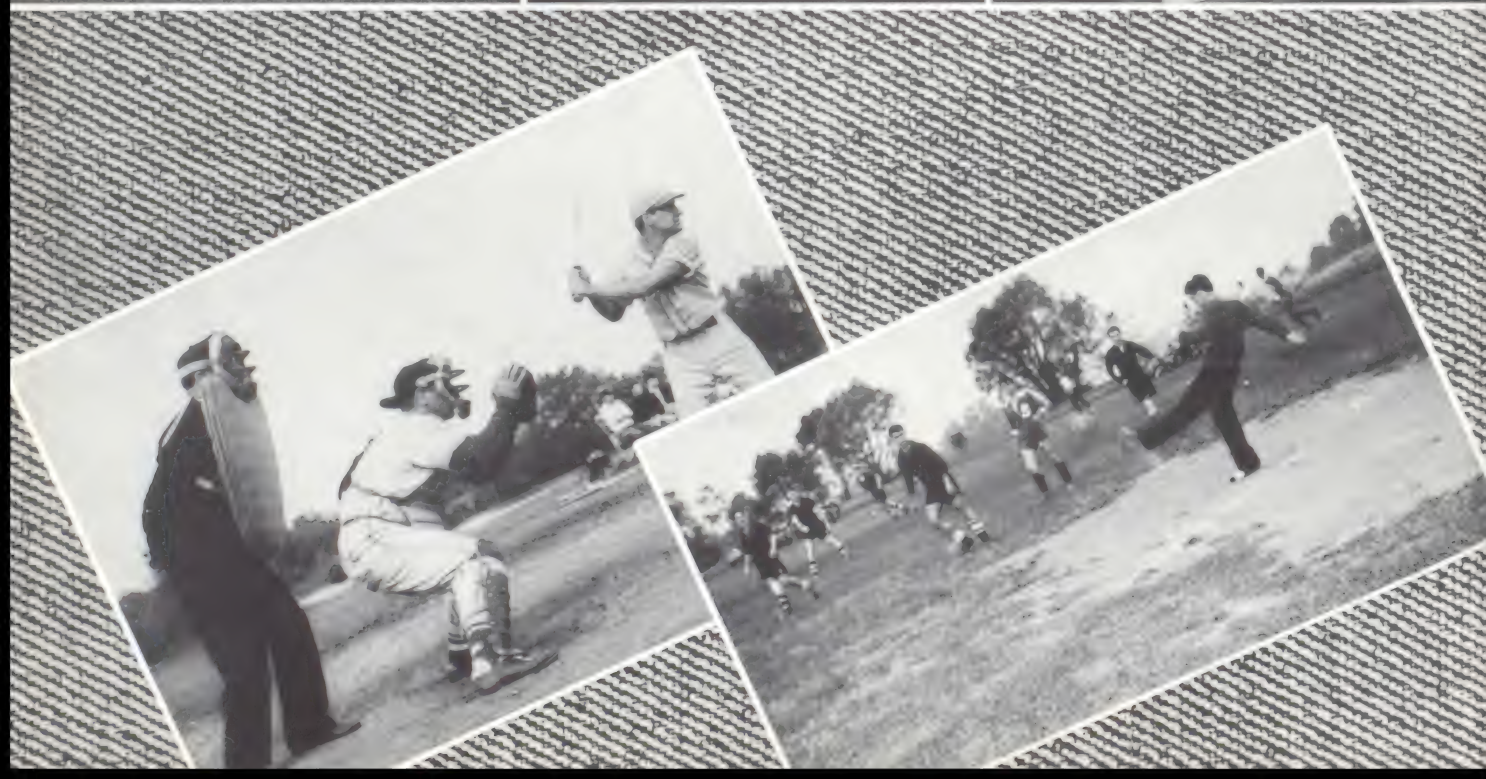
Danny Sullivan

Charles Rapacki

Joe Lewandowski



SENIOR STALWARTS







Flying High!!!

CHEERLEADERS

In snappy blue Indian Head outfits with white collars and cuffs, the Suffield cheerleaders ably do their part to promote high qualities of school spirit and good sportsmanship. At each game



Trottin' on Down are seniors: Edmonds, Howard, Conley and Chagnon. Missing—Larson.



Fight—Team—Fight: Tense moments in Bloomfield.



Don't get excited

whether it prove victory or defeat for Suffield the cheerleaders faithfully stay with the team, cheering them on. The squad of Fetko, Noble, Larson Chagnon, Edmonds, Howard (substitute) is lead by Conley—Captain.



S-U-F-F-I-E-L-D !!!



Excitement is evident during the Windsor Locks contest.



The rebound: a scene from a girls' gym class.

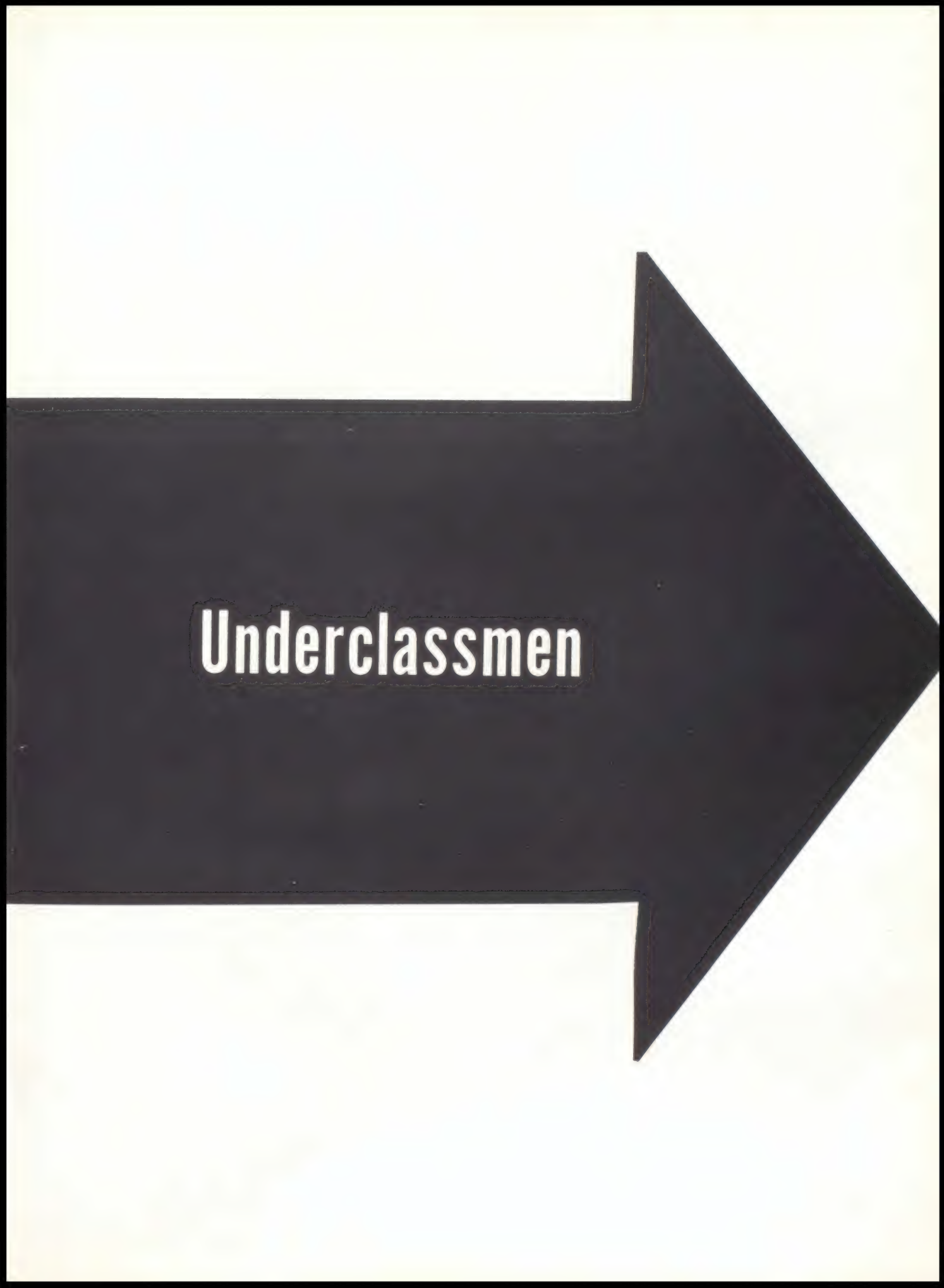
GIRLS' SPORTS

Girls' Sports in Suffield consists mostly of intermural activities, with class basketball teams heading the list. However, in the spring the girls enter the interscholastic ranks with a baseball team for which interest is great. Under the guidance of Physical Education instructor Mrs. Ganley, the girls receive training in a wide variety of sports through the gym program.

Getting a different view of life.

Up and over—we hope!!!





Underclassmen



JUNIOR CLASS



OFFICERS — Waterman, Chase,
Noble, Carney.



OFFICERS — Zavolich, Colson,
Kosinski, Kandal.

SOPHOMORE CLASS





FRESHMAN CLASS

OFFICERS — Edmonds, Hazard,
Glemboski, Sullivan.



OFFICERS — Ferko, Dildilian, Bish-
op, Falkowski.

EIGHTH GRADE





SEVENTH GRADE



Orr, Rucienski, Sheridan, Washburn



SENIOR OFFICERS
Spaulding, Sullivan, Conley, Wood



Activities

STUDENT COUNCIL

Left to Right: Kaplan, Edmonds, Parks, Chapin, Greenwood, Dildilian, S. Noble, Levy, Chase, Rapacki, Burt, Mrs. Morse, Waterman, Sullivan, Conley, Colson, Noble, Zavolich, Ineson, Markowski, Stewart, Kelly, Gaughan, MacDonald, Sheridan, Monty.

The governmental body of the school, the Student Council, strives to improve student attitudes and generally make Suffield a better place to in which to work. Representatives from each homeroom, class and club in the school are democratically chosen and under the skillful guidance of Mrs. Morse the council has become a well-respected organization.

Governing Forces

Sporting their new S.P. armbands, the newly organized Senior Patrol is now under the direction of the Student Council. Elected by members of the Council, Senior Class officers and members of the faculty on a basis of merit, they hold posts in the halls and on the stairways to help maintain an orderly flow of traffic between classes. Mr. Sisson is faculty advisor and Richard Stewart is student captain.

SENIOR PATROL

Left to Right: Sheridan, Chapin, Giblin, Sullivan, Anderson, Conley, Mr. Sisson, Burt, Leavitt, Wood, Levy, Grabowski, Ineson, Edmonds, Rapacki, Spaulding, Egelavage, Hinckley.



LATIN CLUB

Left to Right, (Back): Gaughan, Zera, Campbell, Davis, Parmalee, Cannon, Lincoln, Brodeur, Hryniewicz, M. Elcock, Tallis. (Middle): V. Elcock, Madira, Jones, Dusza, Rutkiewicz, Phelps, Fuller, Grabowski, Biggerstaff, Parks, Sprayson, Fisk, Clough. (Front): Mrs. Morse, Kaplan, Osowiecki, Zmitruch, Markowski, Orr, Hansen, Kennett, Spulick, Edmonds, T. Noble. (Officers): Ineson, Burt, S. Noble, Day.



"It grows by going forward" the motto of the Latin Club is a very fitting one for the one club in the school representing students studying a language. Bi-weekly meetings feature anything from initiations to charades and the year is climaxed with an authentic Roman Banquet in the spring. This is complete with freshmen slaves to serve and entertain the noblemen, multi-colored togas, delicious food, and superb entertainment.

"Crescit Eundo"

Each year two junior girls and two junior boys, are selected to attend Laurel Girls' and Nutmeg Boys' State. They are chosen by their classmates and the faculty on the basis of citizenship, leadership and character to participate in a week of governmental study at the University of Connecticut. Sponsored by the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary, Boys' and Girls' State provides an excellent opportunity for Connecticut's young people to join together for fun and education.



BOYS' AND GIRLS' STATE

Reviewing their experiences in assembly are delegates Ineson, Egelavage, Stewart, and Spaulding.



HI-Y—Back Row, Left to Right: Sweatland, MacDonald, Colson, Sklowdowski, Parks. Middle Row: Spulick, Zavolich, Bednaz, Lincoln, Mr. Kennedy, Brodeur, Kotowski, Fahey, Jackson. Front Row: Krupa, Edmonds, Chapin, Rapacki, Giblin, Kaplan, Sturgeon.

TRI-HI-Y & HI-Y



The school's two service clubs, the Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y, under the direction of the Hartford County Y.M.C.A. have programs featuring projects which will benefit the school. Their purpose: "to create, maintain, and extend, highest standards of Christian living throughout the school and community" is an ideal which the members strive to uphold.

TRI-HI-Y—Left to Right: S. Noble, Burt, Howard, Matyskela, T. Noble, Ineson, Carney, Grabowski, Conley, Markewski, Smiegal, Mrs. Ganley, Edmonds.



Serious thoughts seem prevalent for Kitty Virkaws, Mr. Carter, Michiko Sato and M. S. Mohana.

Preliminary get—together.



Discussions of worldly affairs.



U. N. Day Chairman Richard Stewart with the panel.

UNITED NATIONS DAY

United Nations Day in October was observed with an assembly of foreign students from Estonia, Japan, and India. With Mr. Carter as moderator, their panel made us realize some of the importance of the United Nations. This observance is only one of the things which are done in Suffield to give the students a broader view of life.





BOYS' GLEE CLUB—Back Row, Left to Right: Nodwell, MacDonald, Hill, Biggerstaff, Sheridan, Giblin, Brodeur, Edmonds, Colson, Remington. Middle Row: Mrs. Hansen, Parks, Liss, Waterman, Lewandowski, Chapin, Chase, Rapacki, N. Edmonds. Front Row: Sturgeon, Spulick, Dzielak, D'Amato, Fitch, Hazzard, Kaplan.

SAY IT WITH A SONG!!

It has been said by many that song is the most beautiful means of expression and in Suffield the enthusiasm put into the Glee Clubs shows that it is also a very popular activity. The Glee Clubs put on an annual Spring Concert which features both popular and semi-classical numbers.



GIRLS' GLEE CLUB—Back Row Left Right: Burt, Sullivan, Dusza, Bogdanski, Buckley, S. Rutkiewicz, Egelavage, Larson, Czaplicki, I. Rutkiewicz, Phelps, P. Morrison, Bell, Paczosa, Biggerstaff, Rucienski, Jones. Middle Row: Ineson, S. Colson, Kenrett, Elcock, Norrie, Barlow, Rague, Adams, Kandal, Hoyt, Madura, Glemboski, Carney, Galetta, Markowski, Brazwell, R. Van Allen, Mrs. Hansen. Front Row: Fisk, Gerry, Hansen, Norrie, Underhill, Osowiecki, C. Colson, Ford, Van Allen, Chagnon, Edmonds, Skronski, J. Morrison, Cain, Zmitruck, Kosinski, Jackson.



THE ORCHESTRA—Left to Right: Edmonds, Lincoln, Tkacz, Bishop, Peterson, Spulick, Dzielak, Sheridan, Berry, N. Edmonds, Zavolich, Chapin, Giblin, Biggerstaff, Romano, Orr, Cannon.

THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The music department of Suffield is culminated by the orchestra which trains boys and girls to play different instruments. This year's orchestra consists of mostly young students with a few veteran musicians in the group. The rest of the music department contains classes for the Junior High students in singing and music appreciation. The music department is under the direction of Mrs. Loretta Hansen.



The backbone of the finished product: the staff-homeroom reporters, editors, typists, art staff, mimeographers, and advisors, Miss Bond and Miss Biggerstaff.

REFLECTIONS

Our school life is reflected five times a year in our school publication the Readers' Reflection. A member of the Connecticut Scholastic Press Association and the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, it is written, mimeographed and circulated by an enthusiastic — all student staff.



Making everything fit — the big headache of setting up.



The Literary staff; Left to Right: Wood, Edmonds, Conley, Biggerstaff, Howard, Matyskela, Parks, Egelavage, Tallis, Grabowski, Ineson, Bogdanski, Kandal, Hoyt, Norrie.



Sympathy is the thing during this Senior Dramatic Club rehearsal. Back Row: Burt, Gaughan, Conley, Ineson, Chapin, Edmonds, Burel, Giblin, Hinckley, Sullivan, Rapacki, Whalen. Front: Larson, Rutkiewicz, Grabowski, Egelavage, Levy, Howard, Miss Biggerstaff.

DRAMATICS

Aspirants to the stage are given a chance to try their talents early in life through the work of the Dramatic Clubs. A Variety Show each fall benefits the Senior Class Washington Trip, the Dramatic Clubs demonstrating their well rehearsed art at the time.

Today it is "Sally Takes a Bow" — who knows — tomorrow it may be "Hamlet" for this Senior cast.



THE JUNIOR DRAMATIC CLUB

Left to Right: Mrs. Fay, Fitch, Morris, Hayden, Edmonds, Chase, Parks, Simmons, S. Noble, T. Noble, Markowski, Kokofsky, Waterman, Ford, Biggerstaff, Remington.

"SALLY TAKES A BOW"



Dear Heart, the time has come. . . .

Jet Propulsion???



Between Scenes



Cozy Cutie?????



OUCH!!!!!!



Sally Bows

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Early Morning Coffee



Cafeteria Scene

AT WORK



Let there be light

AND



Fifth Period!!!

A Home Ec. Project



Suffering!!!



"Ma" Ganley



The end of a weary day

AT EASE

Royal Splendor



Coronation

Sidelines



WILL

You have heard our story and seen us at work and play. Now we, the Class of 1953, being of strong mind and body, do hereby make our last will and testament.

Barbara Adams wills to David Cannon her place at Mary Ann Bell's. Gladys Bogdanski leaves her winning smile to anyone who will use it wisely. Shirley Edmonds bequeaths her spot in the parking lot to Vivian Jackson. Norma Chagnon leaves her size nine dresses to anyone tiny enough to fit into them. Richard Chapin leaves the magnetism of his personality to the physics lab.

Mary Ann Bell leaves her seat in the Strand theater to Jeanette Tallis. To Thelma Noble, Betty Biggerstaff leaves her quiet manner. David Gaughan leaves his drumming ability to John Biggerstaff, we hope that he makes good use of it. Shirley Howard leaves Suffield High to spend her time in East Granby. Pat Hoyt leaves her efficient secretarial manner to Frances Smielgel. Janice Buckley leaves to get married. Florence Burel leaves her crazy jokes to Miss Bond to keep on file. Charles Giblin relinquishes his job as manager of the basketball team to Bruce Remington.

Ellen Conley leaves her position as class poet to Connie Matyskiela. Susan Burt wills her captivating personality to Jackie Fahey. Ann Egelavage leaves her job as Business Manager of the Sagitta to anyone who feels like selling ads. Emily Grabowski leaves her studiousness to Frances Kokofski. Mae Kandal relinquishes her sophistication to Lawrence Hundley. Shirley Leavitt wills her laughter to Charlie Hryniewicz. Charles Rapacki bequeaths his white bucks and flashy bow ties to Richard Brodeur. Irene Rutkiewicz leaves her athletic ability to Helen Rucienski. Lois Ineson leaves her place at the board in Trig class to Buster Waterman and hopes it's kinder to him than it was to her. Helen Larson bequeaths her impish way to Jennie Markowski. Bobby Hinckley leaves his height to Tommy Edmonds.

Dick Stewart leaves Suffield High — still trying to impress Shirley Leavitt. Phyllis Norrie bequeaths her pleasing disposition to Donny Zavolich. Pat Morrison gives her date book to Louise Alderman. Don Wood leaves his pessimistic outlook on life to "Red" Colson. Emma Drake leaves Suffield High after a very short visit. Merwyn Spaulding leaves Peggy Fetko with one more year in high school. Pearl Norrie leaves her artistic ability to Albert Craig. Jimmy Sheridan leaves his '39 hot-rod Ford to Irene Glemkowski. Janet Rague leaves her quietness to Carol Paczosa. Joe Levy leaves Mr. Brown to look for another basketball star. Barbara Whalen leaves the high school to spend more time at the academy. Danny Sullivan leaves a combination of personality, athletic ability and leadership to anyone who *thinks* he can take his place.

Judie Anderson leaves her pleasing height and perfect figure to Mrs. Seymour to use as a mannequin. Betty Van Allen leaves her laughter lingering in the halls. Clara Squires leaves her business like manner to Jane Kosinski. John Borowski bequeaths his '52 Mercury to Suffield High in care of Mr. Chrisoulis for driver education.

The Senior Class leaves Mrs. Ganley and Mr. Kennedy hoping that they will recover soon.

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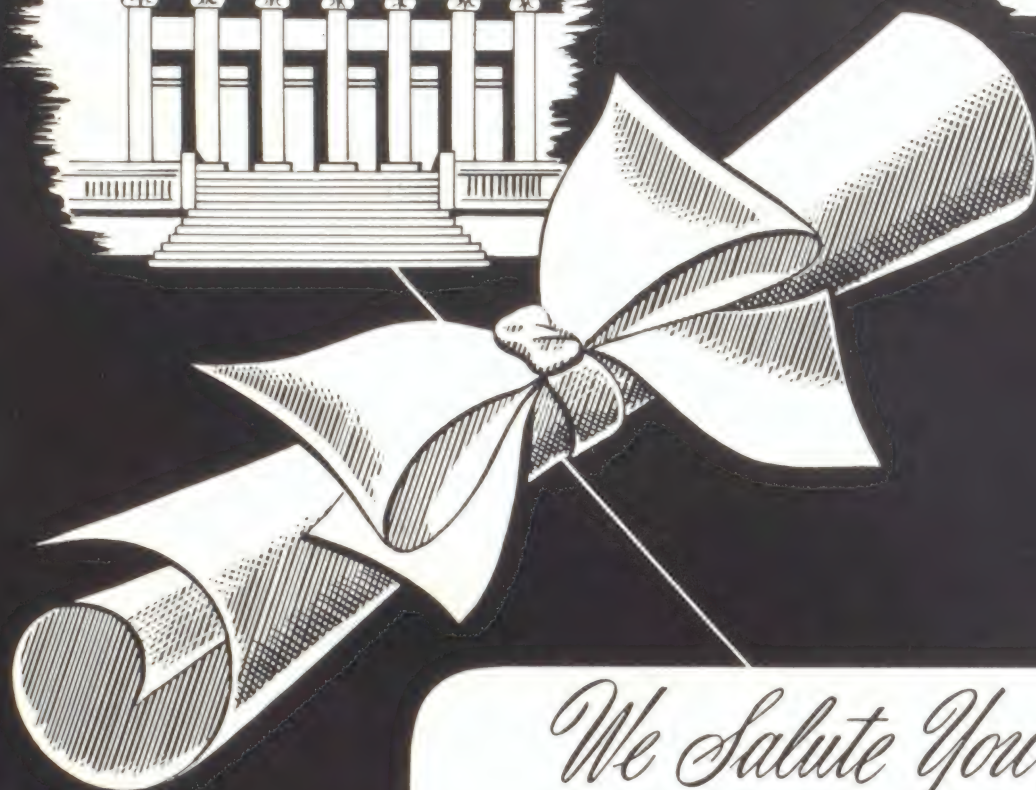
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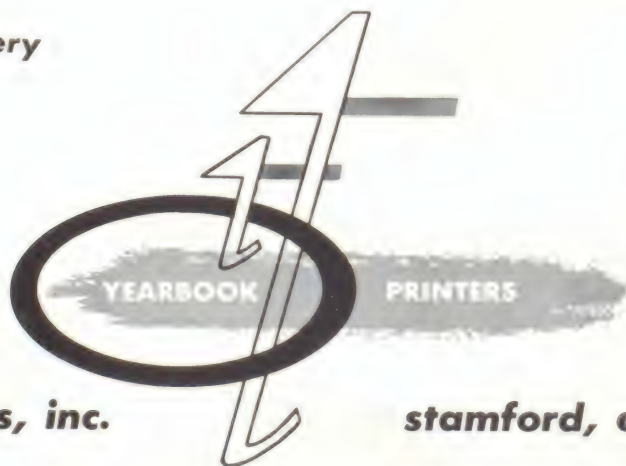
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